



New Psychoactive Substances in Europe Course Descriptor

2.5 day training event

Venue and dates: EMCDDA Lisbon, 23 – 25 Nov 2015, arrival 22.11.

The training is for service providers and peers supporting NPS users in Europe.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the training, participants will be able to:

- Recall the 7 main drug categories that NPS fall in to
- Give an overview of relevant NPS substances in Europe
- Recall current trends and developments in European NPS markets
- Identify current patterns of use of NPS in Europe
- Recall current drug patterns and policies in Europe including legal developments and restrictions affecting NPS
- Identify barriers and problems in developing effective harm reduction responses targeting people who use drugs heavily in Europe (PUDH)
- Recall best practice examples for responding to NPS users
- Develop effective harm reduction service responses for NPS users relevant to their client/user group

Trainers

The training will be hosted by EMCDDA Lisbon and is organised by “NPS in Europe” and delivered by:

Katy MacLeod- Scottish Drugs Forum

Katy MacLeod is the National Training and Development Officer for the Scottish Drugs Forum. She coordinates the New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) and psychostimulant work for the organisation and delivers training on a variety of drug related and intervention based topics. Katy is also Director of Chill Welfare where she works literally ‘out in the field’ at various music festivals and events. In this role she conducts research into drug prevalence and coordinates welfare services providing information, advice and support to drug users or those considering using substances. Katy trained initially in counselling and has worked in front line drug services for the past 10 years; her background is in both residential treatment and community based settings.

John-Peter Kools

John-Peter Kools is an expert on drug use, health and harm reduction. He has been involved in the drug field since the mid 80s. John-Peter has a wide experience in developing public health programmes for PWUD. At first as a drug activist in Amsterdam, later on also as an initiator and manager of several community-based harm reduction programmes in The Netherlands, in Europe and in transitional and developing countries in the world. He's an experienced trainer on health promotion interventions and other public health responses addressing substance-related health risks.

Since 2011 Kools is the acting chair of Harm Reduction International (HRI, formerly known as the International Harm Reduction Association).

If you would like to apply for this training, please submit a short written statement outlining:

- **What is your current role?**
- **What contact do you have NPS users in your current service?**
- **Why you would like to attend the training?**
- **What would you like to get out of this training?**

Please submit your request to administration@correlation-net.org until the 1st of September. Places are limited and selection will take place based on regional coverage and informations in your statement. Travel and attendance costs will be covered. We inform you before September, the 15th about the acceptance of your application.

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